

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

SIR,—Will you allow me to state, through your columns, that I have just received from a Toronto Churchman a most generous proposition to the effect that he will contribute \$200 a year, for three years, towards the stipend of a Clergyman to take charge of a tract of country, between 30 and 40 miles in length (in the district of Parry Sound), within which the Church has been hitherto wholly unrepresented save by a few occasional services, and where a number of Church families are to be found, who, if any longer neglected, must either be absorbed by other religious communions, or else drift out into the gulf of practical infidelity. If however, I am to avail myself of this generous offer at least \$550 more will be needed per annum to render the stipend at all adequate. May I not confidently appeal to your readers to assist me in utilizing this providential opportunity of repairing the neglects of the past in the territory referred to, and of caring for the souls of brethren, who, till now, have been, so far as their own Church is concerned, as "sheep scattered abroad having no Shepherd."

It is hoped that responses to this appeal may be given on the same terms as the original proposition, viz., for three years, dating from January 1st, 1887.

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Since issuing the above appeal, the Bishop has received from another Toronto churchman a promise of \$50 annually, for three years, conditionally, on the balance of \$500 being raised "within the next thirty days."

PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND,

INCLUDING THE DIOCESES OF RUPERT'S LAND, SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSONEE, MACKENZIE RIVER, QU'APPELLE AND ATHABASCA.

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BRANDON.—The celebration of Christmas commenced in St. Matthew's Church here with a Sunday-school entertainment, Christmas tree and magic lantern exhibition on Thursday evening, the 23rd ult., in the drawing-room of Dr. Spencer, kindly loaned for the purpose. It was well packed with expectant and excited youngsters, their parents and the teachers of the Sunday-school. It is needless to say the children enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Shouts of satisfaction greeted most of the pictures shown upon the canvass. The tree was well loaded with toys, confectionery, and all the things that gladden the hearts of youth. Nor were the children the only ones who found fruit growing for them on that wonderful tree. To his great astonishment, Mr. Taylor, the organist, was called to the front and presented with a purse containing a nice little sum of money. A large parcel was also handed to the pastor's wife, who, on opening it, found a beautiful fur-lined circular cloak. Both recipients were most agreeably surprised, and both surprises were planned by the ladies of the congregation. After some singing and a few little speeches, a small boy moved and another seconded that a vote of thanks be tendered to Dr., Mrs., and Master Spencer for the use of their drawing-room, and the motion was declared carried, and the happy throng dispersed for their homes.

St. Matthew's Church presented a very beautiful appearance on Christmas morning. For a week the deft fingers of the ladies had been engaged every evening preparing wreathing, and their gentlemen assistants had done their part in placing the evergreens in position, and the result of their united efforts was in every way satisfactory. The altar was draped in white, as is usual at festivals, and was further beauti-

fied by a handsome reredos, executed by Mr. Taylor, the organist, bearing the letters "Alpha" and "Omega," and a golden gloria in the centre, which formed a background for the altar cross. Choice flowers filled the vases, and the choir-book-rests were wreathed with evergreen. A large wreath ran around the chancel arch, and the doors on each side were similarly adorned. All the windows were edged with wreathing, and along the walls hung red banners bearing crosses of various designs or sacred monograms. Two handsome white banners, hung on each side of the chancel arch, bearing in gold letters the monograms Alpha and Omega, and Chi Rho.

The services on Christmas day consisted of Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m., and full morning prayer, and a second celebration at 11 a.m. In spite of the cold weather, both services were well attended. At the midnight services the Psalms were chanted, and the well-known Christmas hymns were heartily sung by both choir and congregation. The rector preached an impressive sermon from the text, "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad." The offertory, which, as is usual at Christmas, was presented to the rector, and amounted in all to over \$60.

In addition to the two services mentioned, the rector was called upon to perform another interesting ceremony on Christmas day by uniting in the bonds of holy matrimony a gentleman living a few miles south of Brandon, and a recently arrived from England. The Christmas of 1886 will long be remembered by the congregation of St. Matthew's as a season of good will and friendly good feeling among its members, and for the bright, hearty services which were participated in by the adherents of the church in Brandon.

WINNIPEG.—The Christmas season has been a continuation of delightful weather. There is no sleighing in the city. The churches were all well attended on Christmas day. At Holy Trinity, Rev. O. Fortin, Rector, there were services at 8.30 and 11. The latter service was very largely attended. The Church is decorated more than in former years. All Saints', Rev. H. H. Barber, Rector, is handsomely decorated with evergreens and banners. There were celebrations at 8.30 and 11, the latter full choral as usual. The Christmas offertory given, according to the rule of the diocese, to the Rector, was \$80.40. A handsome stained glass window, from J. C. Spence & Co., has just been placed in this church. The subject is the Nativity. It was given by Mr. W. L. Boyle in memory of the late Mr. Sedley Blanchard, and cost \$400. Christ Church, Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, Rector, looked even better than last year, several additions having been made to the decorations. There were two celebrations. At the 11 o'clock service the Communion office was sung to Dyke's beautiful setting. The offertory for the Rector amounted to \$63.35. At St. George's and St. John's Cathedral, services were held at 11. Both churches were decorated. The preacher at the Cathedral was the Venerable Archdeacon Pinkham. Midnight services were held on New Year's eve in St. George's, Christ Church and All Saints'. At the two latter there were celebrations of the Holy Communion after midnight.

From most of the parishes in Manitoba we hear accounts of progress. Children's treats have been as usual given in all the parishes. The great drawback is still want of men. For some reason or other the Bishop has not been able to secure men for our many vacancies. The diocese is suffering in consequence of this. The supply of men is the great question at present, and until we can secure more workers the diocese cannot go ahead as it might do. There never was a fairer opportunity for the Church than we have in Manitoba to-day. The Church is welcomed everywhere, a large percentage of the English immigration belongs to

the Church of England. There are less prejudices to contend with than in Eastern Canada, and the field, in spite of some drawbacks, is an inviting one. And yet the Church is not doing work for the want of active men to occupy the mission stations.

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

QU'APPELLE.—Bishop Anson has moved into his house which is built between the boys' school and the college. The college building is designed for agricultural students, who pay a premium and are instructed in farming by the manager. It is also the residence of the Brotherhood. There are at present four Brothers who work on the farm in return for board and clothing and take up such school work as they are suited for. Divinity students also receive instruction at the college. The boys school will be opened in the spring.

REGINA.—Rev. H. H. Smith was presented at Christmas with a clock. The Christmas services were well attended and the church was decorated.

Personal.—Rev. J. W. Gregory, of Grenfell, spent a few days in Winnipeg last week.

DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

NOMINATION TO THE BISHOPRIC OF SASKATCHEWAN.—Word was received in Winnipeg to-day from the Bishop of Rupert's Land that the Archbishop of Canterbury had offered the Bishopric to Ven. Archdeacon Pinkham, of Winnipeg. The offer arrived by the same mail and the Archdeacon has telegraphed his acceptance. The Ven. Wm. Cyprian Pinkham, B.D., Archdeacon of Manitoba, was born in Newfoundland in 1844, was educated at the Church of England Academy, St. John's, and graduated at St. Augustine's College, Canterbury. On completing his course he was sent out by the S.P.G. to Manitoba, arriving here in September, 1868. His first and only parochial charge was the parish of St. James, now within the city limits. He was ordained deacon in London, Ont., in 1868, on his way to Manitoba, and priest by the Bishop of Rupert's Land in 1869. He resigned the incumbency of St. James in 1881. In that year he was elected Secretary of Synod, which position he has had ever since. At Easter, 1882, he was appointed Archdeacon of Manitoba. The Archdeacon has always taken a leading part in education. In 1871 he became one of the original members of the Provincial Board of Education formed in that year, and in September of that year he was appointed Superintendent of Protestant Schools, a position which he held until 1883, when he resigned in order to devote himself to his duties as Archdeacon. In 1881 he was sent to inspect the Educational institutions of Eastern Canada. It is well known that the school system of Manitoba is the most perfect in Canada, and this is largely due to Archdeacon Pinkham's influence in embodying all that was best in the systems of other provinces. Last year he visited Eastern Canada, and the year before England in the interest of St. John's College and the Mission Fund of the Diocese. He holds the Lambeth degree of B.D. Physically, the Archdeacon is strong and vigorous and well fitted to stand the fatigues of Missionary work. As Financial Secretary of the Synod and Archdeacon, during the past two years his time has been given to travelling over the Diocese. In Churchmanship he may be described as a moderate Churchman. He is not a party man, and will be a wise and kindly ruler. He is personally popular with the laity, full of energy, and ready to use modern methods in dealing with the Church questions of the day. There is no doubt but that his administration will be marked by vigour, administration and ability, and the adoption of plans which will infuse new life into the Diocese.